

SUGAR
Cane: 4.74c lb., \$94.80
ton.
Beet: 14s. 6 1/2d. cwt. \$101.
80 per ton.

HAWAIIAN STAR.

WEATHER
Ther. min., 71.
Bar. 8 a. m., 30.09.
Wind, 12m., SE.
Rain, 24h., 8 a. m., .01.

Anyone Who Has a Few Friends and Can Hustle a Bit Can
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THE ARMISTICE MAY LAST LONGER

FREAR SAYS COUNTY HAS NO GOLD BRICK

"No 'gold brick' has been handed the county," declared Governor Frear this morning when asked how the county would get on under the new arrangement of proportion of taxes. "The county will get just the same amount of money under the new law as under the old one. The county will work on a more independent basis, and the changes will be a step in advance towards real county government. The county did not get one-half of the general tax. Now it will get two-thirds of general property tax and all poll taxes, of which they got half before. There will be no difference in the revenue, and the county will be more independent."

Up till one o'clock Governor Frear had had no word from Washington regarding his reappointment, or the appointment of his successor. Secretary Mott-Smith's term of office expired at the same time as the Governor's, and he is holding down the position till reappointed. The Governor has received a communication from the United States Geological Survey asking him to become one of a local committee to advise on the correct names and other matters concerning the survey. Maps would be submitted to this committee and the members would report on them to the geographic board. Another invitation was conveyed to the Governor from the One Hundredth Anniversary of the Peace obtaining between English speaking races. It was on Christmas eve, 1814, that the peace conference met, and it is proposed to celebrate the centenary in 1914.

The Hilo Wharf Agreement Causes A Redhot Ruction

There is a warm time at the meeting of the Board of Harbor Commissioners this afternoon over the Hilo wharf agreement. McStocker started the music by charging his colleagues—Berndt, McCarthy and Wakefield—with underhanded dealings. A hot discussion ensued. At the meeting of the board of harbor commissioners, held at two o'clock this afternoon, C. J. McCarthy, chairman of the committee of the whole, submitted to the board the committee's recommendation in regard to the important matters that have been before it for some time past, including the Hilo wharf matter and the rules and regulations for the handling of freight and traffic on the proposed government wharf at Hilo.

Exhibit "Z," which were adopted by said Committee on December 18th. Your Committee recommend that the Board defer further consideration of the sugar carrying plant until the Board is in possession of accurate information as to the cost of installing said plant, the cost of warehouses for the storage of sugar and the cost of operating said carrying plant; and a definite statement be requested from the Hilo Railroad Company, the Inter-Island Steam Navigation Company and all other interested parties as to what tonnage they will use the sugar carrying plant for, during the first full sugar delivery year, after its installation. Your Committee recommend that the Chairman of the Board be requested to draw up plans and specifications for a pipe line for fuel oil to

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POWERS ASK CHINESE TO WAIT AWHILE

(Associated Press Cables to the Star.)
SHANGHAI, December 20.—Tang Shao Yi states that he is ready to accept the republic but must first communicate with Peking. The powers presented a note asking that the armistice be extended to the 30th inst.

The Wool Schedules

WASHINGTON, December 20.—President Taft has sent the Tariff board a report of his messages to Congress recommending a reduction of the wool schedules. The report says the tariff is now prohibitory.

Sugar Trust Strategy

WASHINGTON, December 20.—There is some disposition here to start a Supreme Court case thus barring an investigation of the Sugar Trust's violation of the Sherman law.

Murderer is Rich

PORTLAND, Ore., December 20.—Nathan Harvey, a wealthy man, has been arrested for the murder of four members of the Hill family in Oregon City last June.

Battle in Jolo Coming

MANILA, December 20.—A battle is imminent in Jolo where 600 Moros have fortified the peak of Buddajo. The American forces have surrounded them.

Berger After Russia

WASHINGTON, December 20.—Representative Berger has introduced a resolution to terminate the extradition treaty with Russia.

Use Milder Language

WASHINGTON, December 20.—The House has agreed to the modified Senate resolution abrogating the treaty with Russia.

America May Mediate

NEW YORK, December 20.—President Taft is considering the question of mediating between Turkey and Italy.

Richeson Tries Suicide

BOSTON, December 20.—Rev. Mr. Richeson, the alleged poisoner, attempted suicide today with a piece of tin.

Shuster Stands Pat

BERLIN, December 20.—It is reported that the Persian Ministry has resigned. Shuster is supported.

Delaney Dying

SAN FRANCISCO, December 20.—Billy Delaney, the prizefighters' manager, is dying.

(Morning Cable Report on Page Two.)

ONE OF THE ENGINEERS' PARTY WRITES ABOUT HONOLULU

The Brown and White, issued at Lehigh University, in its issue of December 8 contains a letter from Dr. Drinker, on board the Manchuria with the Engineers' excursion party. The following references to the stay in Honolulu appear:
"We had a quiet and pleasant run to Honolulu. As we neared the island, the ecology I heard of one of our college minstrel shows, some years ago, came back to me."
"Honolulu, Sambo! Honolulu today! What's that you say? 'Honolulu, I don't know what you mean.'"
"Why, Honolulu! Honolulu! Don't you see? Honolulu! Oh! No! No! I mean Hawaii!" (How are ye?)
"Tell me not tales of the Riviera, nor of Jamaica, nor of our American Riviera on the coasts of Florida. Hawaii is the Garden of Eden with wide-open gates—the most absolutely ideal spot for beauty and rest one can find—and Lo! We were given but eight hours to enjoy it."
On landing we found ourselves in the arms of Lehigh friends. Francis Betts Smith, (Lehigh M. E. '97), was there on the dock to greet us. He is in charge of the construction of the large Pearl Harbor drydock at Honolulu. It was very pleasant, I can tell you, as I walked down the gang-plank, to see him nodding to me, and to reach for his hearty welcoming hand, so far from Lehigh and from home.
Mr. Charles Francis Wood, the well-known engineer, (Vice-President of the Breakwater Company, of Philadelphia, contractors for River and Harbor Improvements), who has two sons at Lehigh, was there also with his automobile, to meet us; and Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Purvis, who also have a son at Lehigh, and who are residents of the town of Lihue, on Kauai, an adjoining island of the Hawaiian group. Mr. and Mrs. Purvis also had an automobile for us; they had come up on an all-night ride by steamer (Continued on page four.)

BIG EXTENSION OF KULA PIPE LINE TO PROCEED AT ONCE

Engineer F. E. Harvey, who is installing the water pipe lines in the Kula district, Maui, is in town for a few days. He had a conference with the superintendent of public works, Marston Campbell, this morning, when the further extension of the pipe line was discussed. At the present moment forty-five miles of government line is in, besides which twelve miles of private lines on ranches are carrying water to stock and poultry—to say nothing of human beings. The supply of water to the Kula people is a godsend and whereas at this time of the year, in the old days, people had to leave their homesteads on account of the shortage of water, at present everything is all right and everybody is happy. It is intended to extend the main pipe line for a distance of one and a quarter miles into the water-bearing mountains. This will make much

more water available, besides increasing the pressure at intake. The extension to Pala will be proceeded with at once, and no less than 35,000 feet of pipe will be put in. Specifications are being prepared and early next year the work will be begun. Over fifty connections are made with the present Kula line, and the flow of water is always good. The pipe in many places was just laid on the ground, in the course of time the sand has been blown over it and buried the pipe. On rocky places there is no need to bury the pipe and the work can be pushed ahead rapidly. Where the line runs into homesteads some of it is buried. The residents of Pulehu have asked that the pipe line be extended to their district. There are about a dozen homesteaders there, and although a year ago they declared that they did not want the water, they now ask that the line be extended to their places.

JUDGE MONSARRAT INDIGNANT AT ADVERTISER'S FALSE REPORT

Judge Monsarrat was indignant this morning about the Advertiser's report of the Kakaako gang case which was tried in the district court yesterday afternoon, and which he described as inconclusive, false and unfair. The morning paper said that Judge Monsarrat had acquitted the Kakaako gang charged with "a cowardly assault on several marines returning to their camp a week ago last Monday." The report also stated that it took Prosecutor Brown and Deputy County Attorney Milverton to convince Judge Monsarrat that it was perfectly proper to admit the testimony of members of the gang arrested whose cases had been nolle prossed. "It wasn't a case," said Judge Monsarrat, "of admitting the testimony of boys whose cases had been nolle prossed, but the testimony of those on whom sentence had been suspended, these having pleaded guilty on the understanding that they should testify for the prosecution and that sentence should be suspended in their cases. There was a doubt in mind as to the eligibility of such persons as witnesses, but after giving the matter due consideration I concluded to allow their testimony. The Advertiser says that the defendants were charged with having committed an assault. This is not so. They were charged with being disorderly persons. Had defendants been charged with assault and battery

it would have been different. So, also, had the marines and Hawaiians been brought before me on charges of assault. The evidence certainly didn't convince me that they were disorderly persons in the generally accepted sense of the term. Under Section 2135 of the Revised Laws of Hawaii, under which they were charged, they are placed in the same category as vagrants, prostitutes and kahunas. "Five of the so-called gang were released with the consent of the prosecution. Four pleaded guilty on the understanding that they should testify for the prosecution and have their sentences suspended. (Continued on Page Eight)

MAJOR SMITH RETURNING.
Major Smith, who was stationed here for some time as paymaster, and left about January last for the mainland, is returning here, according to an order received at headquarters. He is coming from the Eighth Infantry at Monterey, California, and will join the Second Infantry at Schofield Barracks. Major Smith is expected in the next transport.

THE ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY.
The Hawaiian Entomological Society will meet tomorrow afternoon at half-past three at the Sugar Planters' experiment station. The chief business of the meeting will be the election of officers for the ensuing year. President E. M. Ehrhorn will preside.

THE QUARANTINE TO BE STRONG

Another case of smallpox and a death yesterday afternoon make up the latest bulletin from the federal quarantine station. This makes thirty-two cases of smallpox and three deaths from it. Dr. Ramus stated this morning that one of the two suspicious cases under surveillance yesterday had developed into smallpox, and that there are several others, who are very feverish, now being watched very closely. This morning Dr. Ramus received the necessary permission from Washington to extend the quarantine a further fourteen days from last Monday, as well as to purchase a quantity of fencing, in order to make a compound that will constitute thorough isolation on the station. In all probability, it will be barb wire fencing. The work at the station has grown so great with this batch of immigrants that Dr. Ramus has had to request the use of Dr. Marshall's services. Dr. Marshall was seconded to the citizens' sanitation committee, but whenever needed now he will go to work for the federal quarantine station. The arrangement is half a day with one body and half with the other.

GOOD WORK AT BOYS' SCHOOL

Very favorable reports are to hand regarding the work of the boys at the Wainale Industrial School. M. N. Johnson, the head teacher at the institution, has written Superintendent Pope to the effect that the boys have done good work in the ordinary course of studies. Many of the larger boys, who are working on the excavation for the new building, have asked to be sent to school. At present they have school hours as well as outside work. A readjustment of the divisions among the boys is suggested, whereby the larger boys will be separated from the younger ones, irrespective of their class grade standing. It is thought to be better to do so, as some of the larger boys have a bad influence over the smaller ones. There were no escapes by boys during the last term, which began in September and ended last week. This is said to be due to the fact that there are more teachers now, and the organization of the forces being better. The school, like all others in the Territory, is now closed for the Christmas holidays. Lessons will be resumed on January 2.

MRS. ATCHERLEY'S TRIUMPH INVOLVED IN BANKRUPTCY

Mrs. Mary Atcherley's valuable property recovered on appeal to the United States Supreme Court is involved in bankruptcy. It is held by J. Alfred Magoon as trustee in bankruptcy for the benefit of her creditors. T. M. Harrison, attorney, obtained judgment against Mrs. Atcherley on a claim of about \$700 for fees. For this he has had Magoon made garnishee, to pay the amount out of any surplus after satisfaction of the claims in bankruptcy. In fact, a large proportion of the bankrupt's debts is made up of attorney's fees, as, besides the property now finally adjudicated upon, the fight of Dr. Atcherley and his wife against the Board of Health people was responsible for no small amount of legal expenses. What induced Mrs. Atcherley to resort to bankruptcy was the pressure of creditors. To prevent the sale of her equity in the property now recovered from Lewers & Cooke, before the title was determined, when such a condition would have greatly depreciated its value, she was advised to seek relief in bankruptcy. The property recovered, which has been used by Lewers & Cooke as a lumber yard, is about three acres in area. Being very convenient to the harbor, and hence most desirable for storehouse and warehouse purposes, it should command a high price even at forced sale.

ANOTHER CHINESE FALLS TO THE PREMIUM ON OPIUM

Another arrest has been made by the Federal authorities in connection with the opium smuggling case that is now engrossing their attention. Hung Tai Chung is the latest victim. Tai Chung was identified this morning by John Drew and Kenneth Brown, of Castle & Cooke, representing the Matson steamship company, as the man who, representing himself as C. Y. Young, went to the steamship office with an assigned bill of lading to get the boxes of apples in which the opium was smuggled into Hawaii by La Wa Chung. Tai Chung is a rather striking looking Chinese, with features decidedly unlike those of the ordinary man of that race, and consequently his identification was easy. He was sitting with several other Chinese in United States District Attorney Breckons' office this morning, when Brown and Drew came in. They were asked to point out the man who appeared at their office with the assigned bill of lading, and at once identified Hung Tai Chung as the man. The opium smuggling game is an exciting one nowadays, almost as exciting, in fact, as the game of catching the smugglers, at which Breckons has become an adept. From a monetary standpoint smuggling offers great inducement, for stamped opium is now selling at about \$77 a tin, and the unstamped and smuggled stuff is pretty close to that figure. Before the passage of the congressional act prohibiting the importation of opium, except for medicinal purposes, the same drug could be bought for a about ten dollars a tin. A few Chinese—and some white men—were farsighted enough to see powers,

Ruling On Bananas

Judge Cooper this afternoon, in the case of the Territory vs. George Lucas, sustained the demurrer interposed by Attorney Peters and in so doing held that Section 6 of the "banana regulation" of the Board of Health was null and void. The court said that it was an attempt by the Board of Health to inflict a penalty for a conditional fact not included in the law. He observed that the board had no power to say what act shall constitute a misdemeanor, and quoted a number of cases which his study had brought out. He held that the new acts relied on by the board contained a number of new words but that the powers of the Board of Health were not thereby enlarged. The Board of Health sought, by its ordinance, to legislate that certain facts constituted a misdemeanor, and this was clearly beyond its powers.